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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of ) Examiner: Jonathan M. Foreman  
 Burbank et al. )  
 For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR )**  
**SECURING MEDICAL )**  
**INSTRUMENTS TO DESIRED )**  
**LOCATION IN A PATIENT'S BODY )**  
 Serial No.: 10/010,213 )  
 Filed: December 4, 2001 )  
 Atty. Docket No.: R0367-00201 )  
 )

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED**  
**EXAMINATION UNDER**  
**37 CFR §1.114**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/FACSIMILE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.8**  
 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to Examiner Jonathan M. Foreman at (571) 273-8300, Mail Stop RCE, 4-17-06  
 Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on \_\_\_\_\_ in San Francisco, CA.  
 By: *June Marie Leavy-Ghagi*

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  /  Previously submitted
  - i.  /  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  /  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  /  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- b.  /  Enclosed
  - i.  /  Amendment
  - ii.  /  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  /  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  /  Other: Request for Extension of Time

2. Filing Fees

Description	Fee Code	Claims	Extra	Rate	Fee
RCE Fee	2801				\$395.
Independent Claims	2201	4 - 3 =	1 x	\$100.=	\$100.
Total Claims	2202	16 - 20 =	0 x	\$25.=	\$0.

Total Filing Fees Due .....\$495.

3. Additional fees: Request for Extension of Time for one (1) month from March 15, 2006 to April 17, 2006 (since April 15<sup>th</sup> fell on a Saturday) .....\$60.  
 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1).....

Total Fees \$555.

4. Payment of Fees

/X/ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees and to credit any overpayment of fees which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679, referencing Atty. Docket No. R0367-00201. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for fee processing.

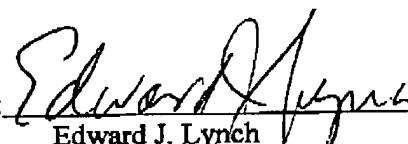
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6. Other documents enclosed herewith:

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Respectfully submitted,

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